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In Re Application of: Senthil Sivakumar

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING FLOODING IN BRIDGED NETWORK

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed on November 17, 2003, Applicant offers the following amendment and response to Office action. This response addresses all grounds for objection and rejection that appear in the Office action.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously amended) A method for controlling flooding in a bridged network having a bridge connected to a plurality of networks, said method comprising:

- a) allowing broadcast flooding until a mapping of a MAC address to a port is performed by the bridge; and